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SUBJECT: MEXICAN REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR OJEDA AS PRESIDENT
OF CND

REF: MEXICO 6896

1. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSIST-
ANT SECRETARY LUERS MORNING OF AUGUST 8 TO DELIVER NOTE
REQUESTING US SUPPORT OJEDA PAULLADA FOR PRESIDENCY OF UN
COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS.

2. LUERS, IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH, NOTED
THAT WE HAD HAD NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT
WITH REGARD TO OJEDA'S CANDIDACY. HE SAID WE HAVE THE HIGH-
EST REGARD FOR OJEDA AND CONSIDER HIM ONE OF OUR MOST ABLE
AND CLOSEST COLLABORATORS IN THE STRUGGLE TO REDUCE ILLEGAL
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NARCOTICS TRAFFIC, BUT THAT IN DEALING WITH THE CANDIDACIES

FOR THE CND PRESIDENCY, WE ALWAYS CAME UP AGAINST THE RIGID-
IDITY OF THE ORGANIZATION WITH REGARD TO THE RULES OF SUC-
CESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY AND OTHER POSITIONS. LUERS
POINTED OUT THAT UNLESS THE RUSSIANS, WHOSE MAN IS SCHED-
ULED TO ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY, WITHDREW IN FAVOR OF THE
MEXICANS, THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE THAT OJEDA, UNDER THE
CURRENT RULES COULD HOPE FOR THE POSITION.

3. DE OLLOQUI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THIS AND WOULD DISCUSS
THE SUBJECT WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, WITH WHOM
HE HAS AN APPOINTMENT NEXT MONDAY. HE SAID HE FELT HE
COULD CONVINCE DOBRYNIN OF THE JUSTICE OF MEXICO'S POSI-
TION.

4. (NOTE: WE WERE AWARE, FROM REFTTEL, THAT MEXICANS HAD
TALKED TO SOVIET EMBASSY IN MEXICO ABOUT THIS, BUT DID
NOT BRING IT UP, AS WE BELIEVE THE RUSSIAN POSITION, AS
REPORTED BY CASTRO Y CASTRO, IS SOMEWHAT EQUIVOCAL ("IF
YOU CAN GET A MAJORITY, WE WON'T INSIST") AND NOT SUFFIC-
IENTLY FORTHCOMING FOR US TO SUPPORT OJEDA IN DEFIANCE OF
THE "RULES OF THE CLUB" AT THIS POINT. KISSINGER

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